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# *Friends of Michigan History, Inc.*

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Michigan Historical Museum Lansing, Michigan February 8, 2010**

### **Call to Order**

President Bus Spaniola called the of the Board of Directors (Board) meeting of the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. (Friends) to order at 10:01 A.M.

*Board Members Present:* Andy Andersen, Larry Griffin, Keith Harrison, Rose Moye, Richard Johnson, Charles Seeley, Ralph Sims, Bus Spaniola, Louise Stilwill, Paul Tarr, Morris Thomas, Bill Wellman, and Geneva Wiskemann.

*Board Members Absent:* Adriana Greci Green, John Irwin, and Tom Truscott.

*Board Members Excused:* Adriana Greci Green, John Irwin, and Tom Truscott.

*Michigan Historical Museum (Museum) Staff Present:* Martha Bloomfield.

*Guests:* Mark Harvey.

### **Approval of Agenda**

***A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as transmitted; motion passed.***

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

*There were no minutes prepared from the January 2010 meeting so no motion was made to approve the minutes.*

### **President's Report**

President Spaniola reported that the meeting with the Michigan Historical Society (MHS) went smoothly with several items being resolved; most notably an agreement to resolve the Friends' membership/Michigan History Magazine subscription issue. Resolution of this problem will take some time, but a commitment on the part of both parties to look at the issue was significant. A brief discussion took place about the possibility of working together on other issues of historical significance to Michigan; one of those issues was the Friends' promotion of a history license plate.

There was discussion about how the HSM possibly being overwhelmed and understaffed. One instance mentioned was the Friends not being able to obtain an electronic listing of the local historical societies within Michigan from the HSM; however, that appears to be resolved now. It was indicated that the HSM would be selling advertisement space in *Michigan History Magazine*. Bill Wellman indicated that he would be picking up a media package from the HSM. A brief discussion took place about the Friends placing an advertisement in the magazine.

President Spaniola talked briefly about the state's progress on reconfiguring the use of the state's library/museum building. He expressed concern that the

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Innovation and Reconstruction group charged with the development of this place has not yet started to look at the issue and that the issue, which is suppose to be decided by June, will not be well thought out.

## **Treasurer Report (for December and January)**

**December 1- 31 2009**

<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>12-01-09</b>	<b>5,033.63</b>
<b>DEPOSIT</b>	<b>12-08-09</b>	<b>459.05</b>	<b><u>+459.05</u></b>
			<b>5,492.68</b>
<b>Cashed Checks</b>			
	1473	James Booth	27.19
	1474	Steveanna Roose	150.00
	1478	Don Simons	100.00
	1483	Gary Southwell	200.00
	1485	Nelekona Foods	<u>300.00</u>
			777.19
			-777.19
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>12-31-09</b>	<b>4,715.49</b>
<b>Uncashed Checks</b>			
	1484	Karen Burr	100.00
	1486	HSOM	237.30
	1487	Annie Burns	<u>400.00</u>
			737.30
			-737.30
<b>Available Funds</b>			<b>3,978.19</b>
Benevolent Fund		\$ 50.00	

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**January 1 – 31, 2010**

<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>1-01-10</b>	<b>4,715.49</b>
<b>DEPOSIT</b>	1-19-10	202.80	
	1-26-10	1,544.25	<b><u>+1,747.05</u></b>
			<b>6,462.54</b>
<b>Cashed Checks</b>			
	1484	Karen Burr	100.00
	1486	HSOM	237.30
	1487	Annie Burns	<u>400.00</u>
			737.30
			-737.30
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>1-31-10</b>	<b>5,725.24</b>
<b>Uncashed Checks</b>			
	1488	Walker Tavern	67.10
	1489	Fayette	<u>87.10</u>
			154.20
			-154.20
<b>Available Funds</b>			<b>5,571.04</b>
Benevolent Fund		\$ 50.00	

***A motion was made and seconded to approve, as transmitted for both meetings, the Treasurer's report for the period November December 1 - December 31 and January 1 - January 31; motion passed.***

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**Presentation of Bills**

No bills that were not otherwise previously approved were presented.

**Museum Report**

Martha Bloomfield introduced Jolien Lamberts, an international student from the Netherlands. Jolien is currently working in the Collections Unit of the Museum and the Rare Book Room at the State Library. A brief discussion took place regarding the Friends' support of Martha's upcoming history trip.

**Committee Reports**

A. *2009 Veterans Day Program Committee. (Paul Tarr and Larry Griffin – Co chairs):* No report.

B. *Membership Committee (Keith Harrison – Chair).* No report.

C. *Board Nominating Committee (Charles Seeley and Tom Truscott).* No report.

D. *Magazine/Military Committee (Paul Tarr – Chair).* Until and unless an agreement can be reached with MHS regarding obtaining new magazines, the Friends will only be able to obtain old magazines for sending to Michigan soldiers overseas.

E. *Grants Committee (Adriana Greci Green - Chair).* No report.

F. *Newsletter Committee (Paul Tarr and Bill Wellman, Co-chairs).* It was indicated that comments about the current HSM/Friends subscription problem needed to be placed into the current newsletter. Bill Wellman indicated that that should not be a problem.

G. *Fund Raising Committee (Bus Spaniola - Chair).* No report

H. *Calendar (2011) Committee (Tom Truscott & Rose Moye, Co-chairs).* No report.

I. *Bylaws (Paul Tarr – Chair).* It was indicated that this issue had been postponed due to the time needed to resolve the Friends subscription issue and that the committee needs to get the proposed bylaw amendments to the Board to re-review.

**Old Business**

A. *IRS Group Exemption Application Status.* There has been no notification regarding the Friends' letter application to the Internal Revenue Service for a Group Exemption Number.

B. *State Archives.* Mark Harvey indicated that the Archives was back in its old offices on the third floor next to the collection and that they had build some processing tables in order to help in getting rid of the processing backlog. He talked about a campaign to re-house the state's Constitution. He indicated that a meeting has been set up with the state's Bar to help with the campaign. He also indicated that Marche 4th was the cutoff date to file for the state's annual archive grants, which are designed to help local libraries catalog their various historical collections.

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**New Business**

*Civil War Sesquicentennial.* Keith Harrison talked briefly about the state's Civil War Sesquicentennial program and the creation of the state's Sesquicentennial Commission's Committee's Civil War History Partners (see Attachment). Discussion ensued about a role of the Friends during the Sesquicentennial.

*Michigan History Conference.* Geneva Wiskemann passed out a flier on the on upcoming March 19-20 *Michigan In Perspective: The Local History Conference* that will take place in Dearborn, Michigan. A question was raised about the Friends having an information/recruitment table at the conference. President Spaniola indicated that he would find out. Several Board members indicated that they would be willing to staff the table during the conference. events as the Statehood day and other similar programs commemorating Michigan.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 AM.

Respectively submitted,

*Keith G. Harrison*

Keith G. Harrison, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

**The next Board meeting will be Monday, March 8, 2010, in Lansing.**

**Attachment**

# ***Civil War Sesquicentennial***

## ***Michigan Historical Commission***

Edward D. Surovell, President  
John M. Dempsey, Vice President  
William Conner Jr.  
Lamont Corbin  
Thomas M. Farrell

Samuel Logan Jr.  
James A. McConnell  
Judith L. Tappero  
Thomas Truscott

Sandra S. Clark, Secretary  
*Director, Michigan Historical Center*

## ***Michigan Historical Commission's Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee***

John M. Dempsey, Chair  
Edward D. Surovell  
Sandra S. Clark, Secretary  
*Director, Michigan Historical Center*

Judith L. Tappero  
Thomas Truscott

Contact Information:  
(517) 373-1650 or send e-mail to [PatrickM@michigan.gov](mailto:PatrickM@michigan.gov)

## ***Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee's Civil War History Partners Steering Group***

***Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War/  
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States***  
Keith G. Harrison ([pcinc@prodoigy.net](mailto:pcinc@prodoigy.net))

***Civil War Reenactments/Living Histories***  
Thomas Berlucchi ([tberlucchi@yahoo.com](mailto:tberlucchi@yahoo.com)) &  
David Downing ([downing\\_dave@hotmail.com](mailto:downing_dave@hotmail.com))

***Museums/Roundtables***  
John Gibney ([John\\_Gibney@monroemi.org](mailto:John_Gibney@monroemi.org))

***Libraries/Historical Societies/Genealogical Societies***  
Bruce Butgereit ([civil-war@comcast.net](mailto:civil-war@comcast.net))

***Publicity – Newspapers/Radio/Television/Internet***  
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*A Civil War Sesquicentennial Website is forthcoming*

***Initial***  
***Advisory Task Force Steering Group***  
**Ideas for Contributions and Activities**

- ➔ Ongoing activities, which will take place throughout the year *for all five years* all over the state (all these need to be well published)
  - Civil War Monument/Memorial rededications – starting with those on the capitol lawn
  - Civil War Grave rededications
  - Civil War Cemetery lot [entire lots] rededications (Lansing, Grand Rapids, Detroit etc)
  - Memorial Day Programs
  - Veteran Day Programs
  - Programs dealing with the Civil War Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic
  - Programs at and about Existing GAR Halls and the Civil War artifacts contained therein.
  - School programs on Michigan's Role in the Civil War put on by SUVCW members (*and local Civil War Reenactors*) all over the state.
  - Ongoing Free Civil War evening Seminars throughout the year
  - Additional Ongoing local program put on by the Department's 25 local SUVCW Camps
  - Development and promotion of a Speaker's Bureau from amongst SUVCW and MOLLUS members
- ➔ Ongoing FREE assistance to help people find their Civil War ancestor
- ➔ Website publication of Michigan Commandery MOLLUS War Papers (written by Civil War officers who were Michigan Commandery Members)
- ➔ Website publication of Other Commandery papers dealing with Michigan Role in the Civil War
- ➔ Website publication of Michigan Civil War Grave Registration database (57,500 and growing)
- ➔ Website publication of Civil War Monument and Memorials in Michigan *and an indication of what condition they are currently in (SUVCW database and check with Weldon Petz also).*
- ➔ Website publication of Michigan Monuments (*and condition assessment?*) at National Battlefields
- ➔ Development of a 100-plus SUVCW Brothers participation in the Michigan Week Parade in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015.
- ➔ Possible development Civil War interpretative *local* (e.g. county-wide or multiple counties) mini tours to important Civil War Cemetery/monument locations)
- ➔ Possible development of a Civil War day-long interpretative bus tours *throughout Michigan* to important Civil War Cemetery/monument and other locations (like Historic Fort Wayne)
- ➔ Possible development of a Civil War week-long interpretative bus tour to *National battlefields* where Michigan troops had a significant impact (obviously this would take longer and require considerable more logistics (Roger Rosentreter brought this up earlier).
- ➔ Possible raising of funds for the creation of a monument/memorial on the Capitol Lawn to the 1st Michigan Colored Infantry

**Roundtables**  
Idea Suggestions

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
150th Civil War Round Table Conference I <b>Sponsored by Monroe Museum</b>	150th Civil War Round Table Conference II <b>TBA</b>		150th Civil War Round Table Conference IV <b>TBA</b>	
Fort Sumpter Talk <b>Sponsored by Monroe County Museum</b>	Shiloh + The West <b>TBA</b>		Horror of Andersonville <b>Sponsored by Monroe Museum</b>	
Manassas <b>TBA</b>	Lee Goes North: The Maryland Campaign <b>TBA</b>		March to the Sea <b>TBA</b> Overland Campaign	
	The Forlorn Hope At Fredericksburg <b>Sponsored by Monroe Museum</b>	150th Civil War Round Table Conference III <b>TBA</b>		Roundtable Conference V <b>TBA</b>
		Hold Against Hell: Michigan at Chancellorsville <b>Sponsored by Monroe Museum</b>		
		A Shadow Passing: 16th Michigan at Gettysburg <b>Sponsored by Monroe Museum</b>		

**Civil War  
Reenactments at  
Jackson  
Cascades,  
Historic Fort  
Wayne, Charleton  
Park, Crossroads  
Village, etc plus  
Numerous Living  
Histories**

Fort Sumpter &  
Mustering of  
regiments

Manassas

plus other  
battles/skrimishes

Draft Riot and  
Mustering in of  
24th Michigan

plus other  
battles/skrimishes

Norman Hall  
stops Pickett's  
Charge @  
**Monroe County  
Site TBA**

Gettysburg &  
Chickamagua

plus other  
battles/skrimishes

Overland Campaign  
Battles

plus other  
battles/skrimishes

Battles/skrimishes  
leading up to and  
including  
Surrender of  
Lee's Army



## Educational Programing

Monroe In The  
War  
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Traveling Exhibit:  
Michigan In The  
War  
Sponsored by  
various regional  
museums

Virtual Field Trips  
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